

Rule Ten – Members Professional Insurance

Members will be aware that professional liability insurance is an essential requirement for all practising therapists.

Recent legislation indicates that consideration should be given to increasing insurance cover. Your BASRT Board of Trustees advises the following:

1. All BASRT members who are active practitioners must have professional liability insurance as a condition of membership. The recommended level is £2 million.
2. All accredited members, including Fellows, who are active practitioners must, as a condition of BASRT accredited membership, have a required minimum level of insurance of £2 million.
3. Existing accredited members who are active practitioners are required to increase their level of insurance as their annual insurance is renewed in 2001.
4. The above would not apply to those members whose work is covered by NHS, Crown Indemnity or Relate Insurance.

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Additional Information

Working with sex offenders

BASRT has contacted a number of insurance companies to check whether members who work with sex offenders are covered by their professional indemnity insurance. The outcome was a very positive one with most companies indicating that policy holders will be covered for direct work and supervision work.

However it is recommended that any member wanting specific advice on their individual cover should contact their broker direct. It is advised that contact should be made to ensure that the wording on insurance certificates accurately represents this aspect of their work.

Working on-line

The picture here, in contrast, is a very different one with only one company offering cover providing the policyholder works in the UK. BASRT's advice to members who are working on-line is **contact your broker to get direct advice.**

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